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1. TO HELP OVERCOME GOM'S RELUCTANCE TO COOPERATE WITH USG IN MUTUAL PLANNING FOR DISASTER RELIEF (SEE REFERENCE AIRGRAMS) AND ESPECIALLY TO MAKE GENERALLY AVAILABLE PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE GAINED FROM GUATEMALA'S EARTHQUAKE, WE SUGGEST THAT SOME MEANS BE FOUND FOR MAJOR DONORS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AMONG THEMSELVES AND PARTICULARLY WITH US PERSONNEL AND LOCCAL OFFICIALS IN GUATEMALA. PERHAPS SOME VOLUNTEER AGENCIES MIGHT BE INCLUDED.

2. WE HAVE OURSELVES LEARNED A GREAT DEAL FROM THE REMARKABLY WELL-ORGANIZED AND COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING OUT OF EMBASSY GUATEMALA, BUT HAVE NO MEANS TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH GOM. MOST RECENTLY, WE WERE IMPRESSED WITH HARD FACTS IN GUATEMALA'S 1597 ON "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIES". GOM WOULD BE FAR MORE RECEIPTIVE TO RECEIVING THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION AS PART OF A CENTRAL AMERICAN OR OTHER GROUP EXERCISE THAN FROM USG DIRECTLY.

3. WE HAVE NO FIRM SUGGESTIONS FOR PROCEDURES OR TIMING, BUT ON LATER POINT, DISCUSSIONS MIGHT BEST TAKE PLACE SOMETIME BETWEEN WHEN US MISSION IN GUATEMALA AND GUATE-
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MALANS THEMSELVES CAN SPARE TIME FROM IMMEDIATE

EMERGENCY AND WHEN SHARP REALIZATION OF ENORMITY OF
CATASTROPHE AND DETAILS OF THE RELIEF EXPERIENCES START
TO FACE, AT LEAST IN MINDS OF DONORS. CALDERHEAD.

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